

### **REMARKS**

Claims 4, 8, and 23-25 are pending in this application. Claims 4, 8, 23, and 24 have been amended to overcome the claim objections recited in paragraph 1 of the Action. Applicants have adopted each of the Examiner's suggestions for overcoming the objections and appreciate the Examiner's kindly consideration of this application. Further, in view of the amendments made to claims 4, 8, 23, and 24, the rejection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, has been obviated, as indicated would be the case by the Examiner in paragraph 4 of the Action.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. Having made the amendments suggested by the Examiner to overcome all outstanding objections and rejections to claims 4, 8, and 23-25, all claims are now in condition for allowance and a notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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